GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:47
ANSWERED ON:27.07.2005
COMPUTER FACILITY IN POST OFFICES IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices having E-mail, Internet and computer facilities in rural and tribal areas of the country at present;

(b) whether the Government proposes to provide the said facilities in all the important post offices in rural and tribal areas within a stipulated time-limit;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has formulated any time bound programme to provide computer facility in the remaining post offices of the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 47 FOR 27TH JULY, 2005 REGARDING COMPUTER FACILITY IN POST OFFICES IN RURAL AREAS.

(a) 922 Post Offices are having computer facilities in rural and tribal areas of the country as on date. Out of these, 58 Post Offices are having e-mail facilities in the form of `e-post service` of the Department.

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. The Department of Posts is currently implementing the Tenth Plan Scheme to computerize 7700 important Departmental Post Offices (having more than two public counters) in the country. All such important Post Offices having more than two public counters, located in rural and tribal areas, will be thus computerized by the end of the Tenth Plan.

(d) & (e) Out of total 26,165 Departmental Post Offices, the Department has a time-bound programme to provide computer facilities to 7700 important Departmental Post Offies in the Tenth Plan period. Till date, computers have been supplied to 5232 such Post Offices. Another 2468 Post Offices are to be computerized during the remaining period of the Tenth Plan. Computerization of Post Offices is an ongoing process. More Post Offices may be taken up for computerization subject to availability of funds and required approvals.

(f) As explained at (d) & (e) above.